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E.O. 11652: X-GDS-2

TAGS: RH, PINS, PDEV

SUBJECT:FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SITHOLE

REF: A) LUSAKA 1561; B) LILONGWE 0945

1. IF SITHOLE OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE RAISES AGAIN THE  
ISSUE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE YOU SHOULD RESPOND THAT  
THE U.S. IS NOT SUPPORTING ANY OF THE NATIONALIST  
ORGANIZATIONS. WE HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO  
FAVORITE AMONG THE VARIOUS NATIONALIST GROUPS, AND THAT  
OUR PURPOSE IS TO HELP CREATE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH  
THEY MIGHT ALL COMPETE FAIRLY IN A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TO  
DETERMINE THE MAKEUP OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT  
ZIMBABWE. IT IS ESSENTIAL, FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THAT  
OUR POSITION OF COMPLETE NEUTRALITY IN THIS MATTER BE  
MAINTAINED AND RECOGNIZED IN ORDER TO BUILD THE CONFIDENCE

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OF THE NATIONALIST LEADERS IN US AND IN THE SETTLEMENT  
EFFORT AS A WHOLE. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT IN NO WAY  
DOES OUR REFUSAL CONNOTE A LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR  
SITHOLE'S POSITION AS A NATIONALIST LEADER. WE WISH HIM  
WELL AND HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH HIM IN OUR COMMON ENDEAVOR OF BRINGING  
INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE TO ZIMBABWE. CHRISTOPHER

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